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1. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL MADE A TWO-DAY VISIT TO ATHENS JUNE 9-10 TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS LAW SCHOOL. WHILE HE WAS HERE HE MET WITH PRESIDENT TSATSOS, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, AND COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS.

2. AT THE LAW SCHOOL CEREMONY, VAN DER STOEL SPOKE ON GREECE'S RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. HE STATED THAT HE, PERSONALLY, WAS GLAD THAT (IN EARLY 1976) THE EC COUNCIL HAD DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE WITH GREECE FOR DIRECT ACCESSION RATHER THAN IMPOSING A PRIOR TRANSITION PERIOD. IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WILL NECESSARILY INVOLVE SOME HARD BARGAINING, HE SAID THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PROBLEMS: THOSE RESULTING FROM THE LEVEL OF GREECE'S DEVELOPMENT
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AS COMPARED WITH THE EC'S, AND THOSE ARISING FROM INTERNAL WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMUNITY OR SOME OF ITS MEMBER STATES, FOR EXAMPLE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION. REGARDING OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR EC MEMBERSHIP, HE ASSURED THAT EACH WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS, AND THERE WILL BE NO "GLOBALISATION" OF NEGOTIATIONS.

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